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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 5, 2003. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time for response, up to and including November 5, 2003, are enclosed. If any further petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

In response to the Office action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Title** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Title**

Please replace the title of the invention with the following substitute title:

METHODS OF TREATING A CONDITION BY ADMINISTRATION OF  
Fc-INTERFERON-ALPHA FUSION PROTEIN